

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RUBY FREEMAN and WANDREA' MOSS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI,

Defendant.

No. 24-cv-06563-LJL

[PROPOSED] JOINT PRETRIAL ORDER

Plaintiffs Ruby Freeman and Wandrea' Moss ("Plaintiffs") and Defendant Rudolph W. Giuliani ("Defendant") respectfully submit this Proposed Joint Pretrial Order. Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel met and conferred on the morning on January 8, 2025 and were able to resolve a number of evidentiary disputes. Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel have agreed to continue meeting and conferring following the submission of this Proposed Joint Pretrial Order to attempt to resolve additional evidentiary disputes in advance of trial. Plaintiffs' counsel and Defendant's counsel have also stipulated to all of the facts mutually agreed to by the parties in the summary judgment 56.1 filings (ECF Nos. 45, 57) which is attached to this filing as an exhibit.

- I. **Case Caption:** The case caption for this matter is *Ruby Freeman and Wandrea' Moss v. Rudolph W. Giuliani*, Case No. 24-cv-06563-LJL.
- II. **Counsel:** Plaintiffs are represented by Michael J. Gottlieb (mgottlieb@willkie.com; 202-303-1442), and Meryl C. Governski (mgovernski@willkie.com; 202-303-1000) of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, 1875 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20015, Aaron Nathan (anathan@willkie.com; 212-728-8904), and M. Annie Houghton-Larsen

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III. **Subject Matter Jurisdiction**

- a. **Plaintiffs' position:** This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1). Plaintiffs are citizens of Georgia. ECF No. 1 (“Compl.”), ¶¶ 5-6; ECF No. 62 (“Amended Answer”), ¶¶ 5-6. Plaintiffs’ position is that Defendant is a citizen of New York, and Defendant admits that he is at least a citizen of a different State than Plaintiffs. Compl. ¶¶ 7, 8; Amended Answer ¶ 8. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000. *See* Compl. ¶ 8; Amended Answer ¶ 8.
- b. **Defendant’s position:** Defendant is a citizen, resident and domiciliary of Palm Beach County, State of Florida (ECF No. 1 (“Compl.”), ¶7; ECF No. 62 (“Answer”), ¶ 7.) Plaintiffs are citizens of Georgia. ECF No. 1 (“Compl.”). This Court does not have subject matter jurisdiction over this case as the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C.S. § 2201 does not expand jurisdiction (*In re Joint E. & S. Asbestos Litig.*, 14 F.3d 726 (2nd Cir. 1993)). The Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C.S. § 2201 does not provide this Court with an independent cause of action.

IV. Summary of Claims and Defenses

- a. **Plaintiffs' position:** that the claims to be tried are Plaintiffs' claim that they are entitled under 28 U.S.C. § 2201 to a judgment declaring that (1) Plaintiffs established a valid lien on the Palm Beach Condo on August 8, 2024 under Fla. Stat. § 55.10; (2) Defendant did not establish his Palm Beach Condo as a homestead within the meaning of Article X, section 4 of the Florida Constitution prior to the fixing of that lien; and (3) Plaintiffs' lien on the Palm Beach Condo is thus valid and enforceable notwithstanding any claim that Mr. Giuliani may make to homestead status under the Florida Constitution, and the Palm Beach Condo may be executed upon and sold in satisfaction of Plaintiffs' judgment, including through receivership or other lawful means, notwithstanding any claim that Mr. Giuliani may make to such homestead status. Defendant's Second and Third Affirmative Defenses, previously asserted in Defendant's Answer, have been adjudicated in the Court's December 27, 2024 Opinion and Order and are not to be tried. Answer ¶¶ 66, 67; ECF No. 172.
- b. **Defendant's position:** (i) that Plaintiffs need to prove that this Court has proper subject matter jurisdiction in that the Complaint contains no cause of action, as the relief sought for a Declaratory Judgment is a remedy, not a cause of action; (ii) that Plaintiffs need to prove that the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser erred in granting Defendant a homestead tax exemption based upon the evidence required by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser to claim homestead and that the Defendant was not entitled to claim a homestead in the State of Florida at his Florida Condominium Unit; (iii) that prior to August 8, 2024, Defendant evidenced

his actually intent to live permanently in his Florida Condominium Unit located at 315 S. Lake Drive, Unit 5D, Palm Beach, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida and that Defendant actually used and occupied the Florida Condominium Unit prior to August 8, 2024 consistent with the meaning within the Florida Constitution and applicable case law from Federal and State courts in the State of Florida; (iv) that Plaintiffs do not have any valid lien under Fla. Stat. § 55.10 upon the Florida Condominium Unit; (v) that Defendant established the Florida Condominium Unit as his homestead within the meaning of Article X, section 4 of the Florida Constitution prior to August 8, 2024; and (3) Plaintiffs' lien on the Florida Condominium Unit is invalid and not enforceable against Defendant and Plaintiffs may not enforce their judgment against Defendant's Florida Condominium Unit.

- V. **Length of Trial; Nonjury Case.** The parties estimate that two days will be needed for trial. The case will be tried without a jury.¹
- VI. **Nature of Case for Purposes of Jury Selection:** N/A.
- VII. **Names and People to be Mentioned for Purposes of Jury Selection:** N/A.
- VIII. **Consent to Magistrate Judge:** All parties have not consented to trial by a magistrate judge.

¹ The estimate regarding the length of trial assumes that the witnesses disclosed on Mr. Giuliani's witness list, ECF No. 157, will be permitted to testify. In so estimating, Plaintiffs do not concede that the witnesses on Mr. Giuliani's witness list, ECF No. 157, should be permitted to testify. *See* ECF No. 150 ¶ 4; ECF No. 179.

IX. Trial Witnesses:

a. **Plaintiffs' position:** The trial witnesses to be offered by Plaintiffs are listed below.

None of Plaintiffs' witnesses will require an interpreter.

Witness Name	Live/By deposition	Summary of Substance
Rudolph W. Giuliani	Live	Plaintiffs expect Mr. Giuliani to testify about his actions and intentions relating to establishing a homestead at the Palm Beach Condo within the meaning of the Florida Constitution.

b. **Defendant's position:** The trial witnesses to be offered by Defendant are listed

below. None of the Defendant's witnesses will require an interpreter.

Witness Name	Live/By deposition	Summary of Substance
Rudolph W. Giuliani	Live	Defendant expects Rudolph W. Giuliani to testify about his having a bona fide homestead in his Florida Condominium Unit in Palm Beach County, Florida and that such homestead had been his homestead prior to August 8, 2024, with such homestead established within the meaning of the Florida Constitution.
Dr. Maria Ryan	Live	Defendant expects Dr. Maria Ryan to testify about Defendant having actually resided in his Florida Condominium Unit in Palm Beach County, Florida as his homestead prior to August 8, 2024, with such homestead established within the meaning of the Florida Constitution.

Theodore Goodman	Live	Defendant expects Theodore Goodman to testify about Defendant having actually resided in his Florida Condominium Unit in Palm Beach County, Florida as his homestead prior to August 8, 2024, with such homestead established within the meaning of the Florida Constitution.
Monsignor Alan Placa	Live	Defendant expects Monsignor Alan Placa to testify about Defendant having actually resided in his Florida Condominium Unit in Palm Beach County, Florida as his homestead prior to August 8, 2024, with such homestead established within the meaning of the Florida Constitution.

X. Deposition Designations:

- a. **Plaintiffs' position:** Plaintiffs' do not submit any deposition designations, but reserve the right to introduce the sworn testimony of any witness for impeachment, rebuttal, or any other purpose allowed by the Federal Rules.
- b. **Defendant's position:** Defendant does not submit any deposition designations, but reserves the right to introduce the sworn testimony of any witness for impeachment, rebuttal, or any other purpose allowed by the Federal Rules.

XI. Exhibit List: Plaintiffs' exhibit list is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Defendant's exhibit list is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

XII. Relief Sought:

- a. **Plaintiffs' position:** Plaintiffs seek relief in the form of a judgment (1) declaring that Defendant had not established the Palm Beach Condo as his homestead under

the Florida Constitution, art. X, § 4, prior to recording of Plaintiffs' lien on August 8, 2024; (2) declaring that that Plaintiff's lien is valid and enforceable under Florida law and immune from any subsequent claim of homestead relating to the Palm Beach Condo; (3) declaring that the Palm Beach Condo may be executed upon and sold to satisfy Plaintiffs' judgment through any lawful means, including CPLR § 5228 receivership or other appropriate means, regardless of any homestead claim that Defendant may make; and (4) awarding Plaintiffs' their costs, including reasonable attorney's fees.

- b. **Defendant's position:** Defendant seeks judgment in favor of Defendant and against Plaintiff (i) denying Plaintiffs' requested relief for the remedy of a Declaratory Judgment; (ii) for a declaration that based on the evidence, prior to August 8, 2024, Defendant was a citizen, resident and domiciliary of Palm Beach County, Florida, (iii) that the Florida Condominium Unit is homestead property of the Defendant, (iv) that the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser did not err in granting Defendant a homestead tax exemption based upon the evidence required by the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser and submitted by Defendant to claim homestead, (v) that the Defendant was and is entitled to claim the Florida Condominium Unit as his homestead in the State of Florida within the meaning within the Florida Constitution and applicable case law from Federal and State courts in the State of Florida; (vi) that Plaintiffs do not have any valid lien under Fla. Stat. § 55.10 upon the Florida Condominium Unit, and (vii) that Plaintiffs have not proven that Defendant did not establish the Florida Condominium Unit as his

homestead within the meaning of Article X, section 4 of the Florida Constitution prior to August 8, 2024.

XIII. **Consent to Less than Unanimous Verdict:** N/A.

XIV. **Stipulation:** The parties also have stipulated to all of the facts mutually agreed to by the parties in the summary judgment 56.1 filings (ECF Nos. 45, 57) which is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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SO ORDERED.

Dated: January , 2025
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LEWIS J. LIMAN
United States District Judge